# **Moroccan and American History and Culture**



Project Title	Moroccan and American History and Culture		
Summary	Identify key dates, themes, and stories from the shared history of Morocco and the United States. Use these elements to create materials for social media that will help U.S. Embassy Morocco celebrate the bicentennial of the American Legation in Tangier.		
Country	United States		

### **Project Description**

The American Legation in Tangier is a living monument of American history and culture in the Middle East/North Africa, and a symbol of America's commitment to internationalism and engagement with the Muslim world. The Legation's key role in the negotiation of international treaties, in advancing multilateralism and religious liberty, and in planning for the liberation of North Africa during World War II vividly demonstrate America's values and positive engagement with the world.

This year, the U.S. Embassy in Morocco celebrates the Legation's 200th Anniversary. The Embassy is using the Legation's story as the locus of a wider campaign to illustrate American and Moroccan shared history and values.

What is the American Legation?

The site of key diplomatic breakthroughs:

• Negotiation of the Spartel Lighthouse Treaty, the first international convention signed by the United States.

Important to American military history:

- During the Civil War, the U.S. Consul arrested Confederate spies seeking European allies and held them in the Legation.
- Served as planning headquarters for North Africa in the runup to Operation Torch, the Allied operation liberating North Africa during World War II.
- Site of OSS codebreaking operations during World War II.
- Played a major role in the protection of Moroccan Jews from deportation to concentration camps.

#### A historic landmark:

- First property acquired abroad by the U.S. Government
- Listed on the National Register of Historic Places January 8, 1981

#### American history on foreign soil:

- Located on "America Street" ("Rue Amerique") in the heart of Tangier's old medina.
- Visited by many famous Americans, from Mark Twain to Calvin Klein to Secretary of State Anthony Blinken

U.S. Embassy Rabat is seeking a wonderful virtual student intern to help the Embassy tell all these stories! He or she would conduct research on how Morocco and America have influenced each others' history and culture, find appropriate images and/or video clips, and then help American diplomats turn these into social media posts. He or should would also help design youth outreach materials in connection with a major museum exhibit, entitled Of Voice and Stone, that the State Department is curating, to be shown in Morocco and the U.S.

### **Required Skills or Interests**

Skill(s)
Cultural diplomacy
Graphic design
Research
Storytelling/blogging/vlogging

### **Additional Information**

A working knowledge of French and/or Arabic would be helpful...but by no means a deal-breaker (we'd rather get the right person!) Curiosity, research abilities, creativity, and a good sense of storytelling are what we're looking for.

## **Language Requirements**

Languag	e Speaking Proficiency	Reading Proficiency	Importance
French	Minimum professional proficien	cy Full professional proficiency	Nice to Have
Arabic	Minimum professional proficien	cy Minimum professional proficien	cy Nice to Have